

## THE CATHOLIC DISPUTE

A STATEMENT FROM A FRIEND OF ARCH  
BISHOP IRELAND.

DR. CONWAY SAYS THERE IS NO NEED TO PRE-  
FER CHARGE TO ROME AGAINST ARCH-  
BISHOP CORRIGAN WHILE THE PAPAL  
DELEGATE IS IN AMERICA.

St. Paul, Jan. 8.—Archbishop Ireland would not  
talk to-day about the story that he had forwarded  
charges to the Pope that Archbishop Corrigan

and others he organized a conspiracy for the overthrow of Monsignor Satolli and himself. He had read the story but would say nothing about it. However, the Rev. Dr. John Conway, Editor of "The Northwestern Chronicle," who stands near the Archbishop of Ireland of all ecclesiastics in the Northwest, had not been able to get away last night on his trip to England in the interest of the new Hill Catholic College here, and this evening made the following statement:

"The news from Chicago regarding a conspiracy against Archbishop Satolli and Ireland has been received in St. Paul with much surprise. Many will doubtless be astonished at it. Most people will be, except the conspirators themselves, and those who follow ecclesiastical questions very

closely. Journalists who are directly interested in Church matters knew by journalistic intuition that a conspiracy was being hatched. The people at large heard rumbling noises, but they never dreamed such a plan was concocted. The libelous pamphlet written by Archbishop Corrigan's Italian secretary; the effusions of Miss Eades, a gurgulous old maid, who is Roman correspondent of "The New-York Catholic News"; the dispatches purporting to have come from Boston and other cities outside of New York, yet which were really from the network of anonymous letters published in "The New-York Sun" and other papers pointed clearly to the existence of a conspiracy against the representative of the Holy Father. "The Chicago Post" has done great service to Christianity and the country by unearthing the arch-conspirator. Some scandal as well as great good will follow from the revelations of "The Post," but the clumsy Catalanisms of the New-York dignitary is directly responsible for the scandal, while the country will be immensely benefitted by the wholesome harmony between Catholic and non-Catholics which must now be intensified by reason of the knowledge given to the public by the Chicago newspaper.

"The American people see in this an additional

confirmative of Pope Leo's friendship and of his admiration of American institutions. This friendship and admiration have been well set forth by the Pope's representative, Monsignor Satolli. The anonymous writers of the cabalistic bureau will probably now cease. They are reasonably suspected.

"I notice that 'The New-York Sun' of January 7 gives an extract from a letter said to have been received in New-York from a high ecclesiastic in Rome referring to Archbishop Satolli's mission. One need not be gifted with omniscience to know that the so-called letter is the work of the bureau. Monsignor Satolli is here for more purposes than the settlement of ecclesiastical questions. He is the representative of Pope Leo at the Columbian Exposition.

As such, the most cordial courtesies were extended to him on his arrival in the United States. America was naturally grateful to the Pope for his practical interest in the Columbian Exposition, and her gratitude was naturally deepened by his Fathers' unprecedented act of sending him over a Vatican exhibit. Now, the United States does not mean to allow any one to insult

insure guests, in this country resents the gratuitous insults offered by anonymous correspondents when at present the recipient of the hospitalities is not even known. It is strongly suspected any one, and it is disgraceable to be plain spoken against, and a few individuals who happen to be members of one's own Church. If these few conspirators do not now keep quiet, I shall not feel except a duty between locking them up in a lunatic asylum or expressing them as a public nuisance.

"I have just seen 'The Post.' As to the statement that Archbishop Ireland has preferred charges in Rome, there is no necessity for his so, for Bon's representative is here in the person of Archbishop Satolli. Moreover, he has just learned the clear evidence from 'The Post' upon which charges could be based.

Further than this statement from Dr. Conway nothing could be more enlightening, and there is good reason for believing that no such charges have been formally preferred.

INTEREST AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

EVERYBODY LOOKING FOR NEWS AND UNWILLING TO TALK—MR. SATOLLI'S POSITION.

Washington, Jan. 8 (Special).—"If it be true that Archbishop Ireland has done what it is said he has done," said one of the faculty of the Catholic University to The Tribune correspondent this evening, "then we are precluded from saying anything whatever on the question of the alleged corruption which has been made against Archbishop Corrigan by the Archbishop of St. Paul. All we know is what we have said in the newspapers, and without entering into any statement regarding the truth or falsity of the report that charges have been formulated, we may assume that the report has some basis. It is virtually, therefore, in the hands of Rome, and nothing can be said."

The Tribune correspondent asked if the report had been submitted to Archbishop Satolli. The answer was that as the ablegate was one of the persons referred to in the article, it would be inadequate for him to say anything. He had been made a party, according to the report, to the charges against the Archbishop of New-York. Therefore he, too, was precluded from talking upon the subject. "We all feel here," said the professor, "that the personnel of the university should not discuss matters relating to ecclesiastical troubles. Inasmuch as it is alleged that Archbishop Corrigan has sought to discredit and reflect upon the Pope's legate, we certainly do not think it proper to add one word to the public discussion."

It was freely admitted, however, that the report had been read, but no one would express an opinion one way or the other as to what was thought of the argument or the statements implicating the Archbishop and the Catholic clergy in New York City. In the authorized abstract of the meeting in New York City, published for private circulation among the Catholic Bishops in the United States, entitled "The Minutes of the Third Annual Conference of the Most Reverend Archbishops of the United States," is the following paragraph:

"His Grace, the Archbishop of New York, was requested to read an admonition to the Catholics of New York City, in accordance with the request of the Synod of Bishops."

What Archbishop Ireland has done can at present only be conjectured, but if he has really made allegations reflecting upon his associate in the Catholic hierarchy, based upon the articles said to have emanated from New-York, then not only Archbishop Ireland but all the other archbishops in the United States will become a party to the hearing, as Monsignor Corrigan

has not only violated the rule of ecclesiastical propriety, but has also shown himself unworthy of the confidence reposed in him by his coadjutors in the episcopacy. Of course the charges have yet to be heard and sustained, but it is not regarded here as improbable that the story from Chicago will be found to have Archbishop Ireland's approval.

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**GRAVE CHARACTER OF THE CHARGES.**

**THE POPE LIKELY TO SIT IN JUDGMENT HIMSELF—HAS MGR. SATTOLLI LAID THE FACTS BEFORE HIM!**

Among those who had read the report from Chicago was a Catholic priest visiting New-York, who knows Archbishop Ireland personally, and who said that if he had done as alleged he must be in possession of stronger evidence than was printed here to-day.

"I knew him so well," said this priest, "that I could almost swear that if he has formally accused Archbishop Corrigan of having engaged in an unlawful conspiracy to weaken or undo the effect of the Pope's decisions in respect of church matters in America, or in having had recourse to methods unbecoming a bishop, the newspaper publication of to-day